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Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action, mailed 14 January 2005, a time for response to which is set to expire 14 April 2005. The considered claims, claims 1-6 and 12, were rejected.

Careful consideration has been given to the grounds for rejection, and the following amendment and discussion are offered in response. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.